

# *Executive Proclamation*

## *State of South Dakota*

### *Office of the Governor*

*Whereas*, In 1981, David and LaDonna Zellmer left Luther Seminary and St. Paul, Minnesota, and moved to South Dakota in order to answer a call to ministry at the Scandinavia Lutheran Church in Aberdeen and Bethany Lutheran Church in Mellette; and,

*Whereas*, Dave and LaDonna moved to Mitchell in 1985 to serve Trinity Lutheran Church, and relocated to Pierre in 1993 to serve Lutheran Memorial Church and Grace Lutheran Church in Hayes, giving more than 25 years of service to South Dakota Lutheran churches and congregations; and,

*Whereas*, Dave and LaDonna have been, and continue to be, leaders within their professions and organizations in every community they have had the pleasure of serving; and,

*Whereas*, Dave and LaDonna's commitment to faith, education and improving the lives of people has established them as leaders within their community and this state; and,

*Whereas*, Dave has been especially instrumental in combating the effects of suicide within the Pierre-Ft. Pierre communities and in developing responses to people in crisis; and,

*Whereas*, Dave has developed a flying ministry to help individuals and families facing illness and crisis with options for transportation and distant visitation; and,

*Whereas*, Dave has been elected as Bishop of the South Dakota Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, calling him to new and expanded duties leading people and congregations within our state; and,

*Whereas*, Dave now has the opportunity to improve his horseback riding skills by working closely with the South Dakota State University Women's Equestrian Team, only 40 miles to the north; and,

*Whereas*, It is fitting and proper as Governor to recognize the commitment, accomplishments and many years of service of these two special South Dakotans:

*Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds*, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim July 29, 2007, as

***PASTOR DAVE AND LADONNA ZELLMER DAY***


in South Dakota, and I join their family, friends and parishioners in wishing them well.



*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-fourth Day of July in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seven.

  
M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

  
Chris Nelson, Secretary of State